# HOME GOING

OF

## Mother Ionia Sherfield

January 30, 2008 11:00 a.m.

Sunrise
March 14, 1909

Sunset
January 22, 2008

**Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ**
**403 E. Lee Street**
**Superintendent Joseph Ellis, Pastor**

**Superintendent Rayford Strong,**
**Officiating**

Her Life's Story

Ionia Evelyn Sherfield departed this life on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at Waverly Park Hospice at 11:30 a.m. She was born March 14,1909, to LeRoy and Martha Young in Paris, Texas. She was one of 11 children born to this union.

Ionia grew up in Paris, Texas, and graduated from the Public High School of Paris in 1930. Ionia was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost on July 11, 1932.

She met and married Albert Ellington in 1933 and to this union a daughter, Alma Juanell Ellington, was born in 1935. After Albert's demise in 1937, Ionia married Pearl Sherfield and the new family moved to Tucson where they lived for twelve years and then moved to Los Angeles, California.

Ionia and Pearl returned to Tucson after their daughter married Willis Darnell Collier, II in 1957. To this union her first grandchild was born, Willis Darnell Collier, III. Years later Alma married Dr. Jon B. Williams. To this union their second grandchild, Tracee Williams, was born.

Ionia was very active in the community and church. She was a foster mother. In her local church, she served on the Mother's Board. She also served as the District Bible Band president, on the State Hospitality Committee, assisted in the YPWW, missionary board, minister's wives, and tarried with those seeking to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost

She leaves to cherish her memory a sister, Lutilda Robins and a brother, Curtis Young; her grandson, Willis Darnell Collier, III; a granddaughter, Tracee Williams Thomas; a grandson-in-law, Delbert Darrell Thomas, Sr.; six great grandchildren, Tamika, Michael, Sr.; Latoya, Danyel, Delbert Jr., and Danysha . Two great great grandchildren, Michael Jr. and Jazmaine Thomas and a host of relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

*Processional: Family and Clergy*
*Prayer: Minister Terrence Moore*
*Scripture Reading: Deacon Leslie Robinson*
*Congregational Song:*
*Joy Bells Keep Ringing in My Soul*

*Special Remarks:*
*Superintendent Joseph Ellis*
*Pastor Maynard Weisbrod*

*Remarks: 2 minutes*
*(Please adhere to the time limit)*

*Solo: Marla Reed*
*Acknowledgments and Resolutions:*
*Missionary Darlene Moten*
*Obituary: Amy Chaney*
*Solo: Dion Reed*
*Eulogy: Superintendent Rayford Strong*
*Parting View*
*Selections: Choir*

*Thank you for your cards, visits, food, prayers, and other expressions of love.*

## Pallbearers

Shawn Bemiss
Kyle Bemiss
Jarvis Peters
Scott Thomas
Tyrone Carter
Victor Langford

## Honorary Pallbearers

Mother Ulytha Ellis
Mother Mattie Wilson
Willis Darnell Collier, II
Curtis Young
Delbert Darren Thomas, Sr.
Michael Darren Thomas, Sr.

## Interment

Southlawn Cemetery
(If you are driving in the processional, please turn on your headlights)
Celebration reception immediately following service in the dining room.

I'm Home with Jesus walking on those streets of gold.
I'm Home with Jesus the wonderful half has never been told.

Live so that when the Lord says come home, you will be ready.
You will face God as saviour or judge.